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SUBJECT: 1978 K-2 EXPEDITION

1. YOU ARE PROBABLY AWARE THAT AMERICAN MOUNTAINEER JIM WHITTAKER WILL BE LEADING ANOTHER ASSAULT ON MOUNT K-2 THIS SUMMER. IN 1963, WHITTAKER WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN TO SCALE MOUNT EVEREST. IN 1975, HE LED A MAJOR EXPEDITION TO K-2, WHICH FAILED TO GET ANY HIGHER THAN 22,000 FEET. THAT YEAR, EMBASSY AND CONGEN KARACHI EXTENDED HOSPITALITY TO THE GROUP WHILE THEY WERE ENROUTE TO AND FROM THE MOUNTAIN.

2. THE 1978 EXPEDITION CONSISTS OF 12 PERSONS, BESIDES WHITTAKER AND HIS PHOTOGRAPHER/JOURNALIST WIFE, DIANE ROBERTS. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN KARACHI ON JUNE 15 AT 7:30 AM VIA FLIGHT PK 704, AND TO LAY OVER ABOUT 8 HOURS WAITING A LATE AFTERNOON FLIGHT TO PINDI. I AM SURE THAT THE GROUP WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF ANY HOSPITALITY WHICH YOU MIGHT WISH TO PROVIDE DURING THEIR KARACHI STAY.
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